

2008 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2008

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Roll Call
 - All 34 chapters present and represented by Delegates (64)
3. Proof of Notice of Meeting
 - Copy in packet
4. Approval of 2007 Minutes
 - 1st- Nick Mele
 - 2nd- Randy Meyers
5. Report of Officers
 - 5.1 President's Report
 - President reported that he attended the Federation Meeting in Indianapolis. 11 Clinics were presented throughout the state with all 34 chapters attending one in their area. A Clinic was presented to a group of New York State High School Baseball Coaches in Cooperstown.
 - The High School State Tournament went well with the umpires sent by their individual chapters doing an excellent job. NYSBUA has established a good working relationship with High school chairman Ed Dopp.
 - Thanks to local chapters for providing umpires to help out with the Empire Games. The Empire Games will be held in the Poughkeepsie area next to year. If local chapters would like to furnish umpires, please contact Ron. Please sign up for the Spring Clinics before you leave.
 - 5.2 Treasurer-Secretary Report
 - Thanks to all the chapters for their cooperation throughout the year. Keep me apprised of any officer changes during the year and also report them to our website, www.nysbua.com. The rule book program went well with chapters saving \$.90 per book by ordering through the Secretary-Treasurer.
 - The biggest challenge we face seems to be in Director's and Officer's Insurance.
6. Report of Committee
 - 6.1 Education Committees
 - Chairman Gabriel thanked all who conducted the excellent 3-man clinic on field on Saturday. All who participated gained from the experience. The committee welcomes your input for clinic topics in the future.
 - 6.2 Tony DeVivo Committee
 - Chairman Jack Guinan reported the winner of the 2008 DeVivo Award was Rick Ahlfeld of the Massena chapter. Chairman Guinan encouraged all chapters to submit candidates for the award. Make sure your applications are done in a professional way. Place candidates in nomination more than just one year. Many have been on the second or third try.
 - 6.3 Audit and Insurance Committee
 - Treasurer Donald Volk pointed out the balance in our treasury will be reduced by 17,455 when the Liability Insurance is paid. The rate was set at \$ 7.90 after the end of our September 1st final year. This will result in a

deficit of \$ 1981 for the 2008 year. Measures to solve this problem will be discussed under Agenda item.

- Thanks to Dennis William for conducting the Audit on Saturday October 4th. Acceptance of AUDIT: Casey Jones-1st and Paul Pascucci-2nd.

6.4 By-Laws Constitution Committee

- Please send updates on your constitution to chairman Mark Rothrock. Please check the website for changes in the State Constitution. Territorial Maps are in the process if being ready to present.

6.5 Advisory Committee

- Chairman Sitterley referred to minutes from 2007 for changes to uniform for High School Baseball. 2007 changes and previous changes to uniform have been updated on our website by Warren Bumpus. The patch on our shirt must be embroidered and must be the NYSBUA logo. It must not exceed two inches on hat. Anaconda is the only vender for the Jacket. Jackets may vary in color because of different dye. This was mentioned by Doug Renaud of Anaconda. Chairman Sitterley pointed out we cannot control what Anaconda is doing with their shirts.
- Committee member Eric Olsen talked about the current slacks available. Fecheimer Flying Cross and Cliff-Keen, Heather-Gray are approved for wear.
- Advisory Committee is proposing Smitty-Heather-Gray for approval for use.
- Voice Vote Approved: Warren Bumpus-1st and Mike Manning-2nd.
- Eric Olsen spoke about New Cliff-Keen shirts. New shirts have different fabric and are going to look different than previous shirts. If you order Cliff-Keen, order the non-dry shirt. Supplies still have these available.
- The Advisory Board proposes the Smitty shirt for use because of the similarity to non-dry Fit Cliff-Keen in all colors.
- Passed Voice Vote: Bob Clemens-1st and John Aris-2nd
- Chairman Sitterley said the advising proposed the following fines: Suspension of Chapter Member: \$ 50- \$ 500, Chapter non-payment of dues: \$ 50, and Uniform Violation: \$ 50.
- Passed the Show of Hands: Lon Thrasher- 1st and Casey Jones-2nd

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Unfinished Business

- Charged umpiring rotation is Section 9 for State

Tournament

7.2 More Unfinished Business

- Endicott request for resolution of grievance. A Meeting of Grievance Committee with the committee conducting a hearing resulted in the denial of the Endicott Grievance.
- Agenda items: Endicott appeal: Endicott is requesting suspension of Binghamton; no monetary request is being made.
- President Gabriel explained to membership that both Endicott and Binghamton are serviced by splinter groups separate from their chapter. There are many splinter groups throughout the state. These groups have many levels of organization. These groups may not use our NYSBUA

uniform in doing service as a splinter. The grievance committee denied the Endicott complaint.

- Binghamton and Endicott presented evidence in support of their positions. No- Denial of Appeal=53; Yes Support of the Appeal=9.

7.3 Liability Insurance

- Motion to increase dues from \$ 15 to \$ 20 dollars to help defray the insurance cost
- Voice Vote Passed: Sam Rothrock-1st and Ryan Raftery-2nd

7.4 2009 Meeting

- Binghamton on Sunday October 4, 2009

7.5 Motion To Adjourn

- Passed Voice Vote: Paul Passcucci-1st and Dennis Galka-2nd